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In the Spring — 2 Samuel 11:1-5

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WHO WAS ON THE ROOF? • NARRATIVE OF CONSENT V. POWER • 3 • 23:24,34,39 • 4 • RAPE !!

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- She was definitely **NOT PREGNANT**.
- This was David's **BEST CHANCE**.

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The Cover-Up — 2 Samuel 11:6-27

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18-27 • THE THING DISPLEASED THE LORD!

What **DAVID** did **DISPLEASED** the LORD.

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COLD COMFORT: IT'S NOT NEW • RAY OF LIGHT: DAVID'S RESPONSE

Confrontation — 2 Samuel 12:1-12

THE LORD SENT • NATHAN HAD GUTS!!

Confession — 2 Samuel 12:13 & Psalm 51

12:13 • PSALM 51:0-4, 10-12, 16-17 • HE DOESN'T BLAME HER, UNLIKE ADAM

- "I have **SINNED**."
- "It's my **FAULT**."
- "Have **MERCY** and **CHANGE** me."

Grace and Punishment — 2 Samuel 12:13-23

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Resolution — 2 Samuel 12:24-31

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